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**State Board of Education
Policy on School Turnaround District and Strategy**

The State Board of Education supports an effective turnaround strategy for chronically under-performing schools. Schools that have not made satisfactory progress after three years should be placed into the State School Reform District, under the control of the Michigan Department of Education (MDE), that may place the school under the management of an entity (including itself). Such entities should have a verifiable track record of educational success, or a demonstrable likelihood of success, at managing school turnaround efforts.

Therefore, the State Board of Education calls for legislation that requires the MDE to: (1) establish clear performance standards that would have to be met by any entity before it would be eligible to manage a school that has been placed into the State School Reform District; and (2) define the process by which schools are placed in and removed from the management of educational entities to which they are assigned by the State School Reform Office and how schools are ultimately returned to their original districts.

Finally, the State Board of Education recognizes that results require resources, and calls on the State Legislature to appropriate adequate funding for school improvement activities.

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